

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Carrie Hartman and I am a resident of New Haven, CT. I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and the Coordinator of Home Outreach and School Consultation Services provided by Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) . I am writing to express my strong support for sections 23 – 29 of SB 1089 “An Act Concerning Mental Health Services.”

I have been providing behavior analytic services to children, families, and school districts in Connecticut for the past 11 years. Through the use of Applied Behavior Analytic methodologies I, alongside my teams, have effected positive change in the lives of hundreds of Connecticut children. These changes include but are not limited to the reduction of maladaptive behaviors that threaten the safety and wellbeing of the individual, the acquisition of communication and social skills, and the acquisition of basic self-care and daily living skills.

It is time that Connecticut joined the group of 19 states (including NY and MA) who have already put licensure in place for Behavior Analysts. Doing so will help families more easily access Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services. Licensure of Behavior Analysts will also protect Connecticut children by preventing individuals from misrepresenting their skills and services.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully request that you vote to pass SB 1089 sections 23-29 as written.

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